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All persons are by nature free and independent, and have certain natural and unalienable rights, among which are those of enjoying and defending life and liberty, of acquiring, possessing, and protecting property, and of pursuing and obtaining safety and happiness.

-- Article 1, Section 1, New Jersey State Constitution

The Birth of Cultural Marxism: How the “Frankfurt School” Changed America

By Tyler Durden

What happened to the American traits of confidence, pride, and accountability?

Western cultural decay first sprouted a century ago, beginning with European communists who created what is known as the Frankfurt School.

Marxist theory held that if war broke out, the working classes would rise up against the bourgeoisie and create a communist revolution. But in 1914 when World War I began, instead of starting a revolution, the proletariat went off to war.

Marxist theorists were left to ask, “What went wrong?”

Marxist Georg Lukács concluded that the working class of Europe had been blinded by the success of Western democracy and capitalism. He reasoned that until both had been destroyed, a communist revolution was not possible.

In 1918, Lukács became minister of culture in Bolshevik Hungary. Realizing that if the family unit and sexual morals were eroded, society could be broken down, he implemented a policy titled “cultural terrorism.” A major part of the policy targeted children through lectures that taught about loose sexual conduct and encouraged them to deride and reject Christian ethics.

Here again, a Marxist theory failed. The people were outraged and Lukács fled Hungary when Romania invaded in 1919.

All was quiet on the Marxist front until 1923 when the cultural terrorist turned up for a “Marxist study week” in Frankfurt, Germany.

Classical Marxist theory was based solely on the economic changes needed to overthrow class conflict. A wealthy Marxist named Felix Weil was so enthused by Lukács’ cultural angle that he funded the Institute for Social Research, later known as The Frankfurt School.

In 1930, under a new director, Max Horkheimer, the school began mixing the ideas of Sigmund Freud with those of Marx, and cultural Marxism was born.

In classical Marxism, the workers of the world were oppressed by the ruling classes. The new theory was that everyone in society was psychologically oppressed by the institutions of Western culture. The school concluded new vanguards were needed to spur the change; the workers were not able to rise up on their own.

As fate would have it, the National Socialists came to power in Germany in 1933. It was a bad place to be a Jewish Marxist, as most of the school’s faculty was. So, the school moved to Columbia University in New York City.

The school published a lot of popular material. The first of these was *Critical Theory*. The theory was simple: criticize every pillar of Western culture—family, democracy, common law, freedom of speech, and others. The hope was that these pillars would crumble under the pressure.

Next was *The Authoritarian Personality* co-authored by Theodore Adorno. It redefined traditional American views on gender roles and sexual mores as “prejudice.” Adorno compared them to the traditions that led to the rise of fascism in Europe.

Is it just a coincidence that the go-to slur [preferred by] the politically correct today is “fascist”?

The school shifted away from economics and toward Freud by publishing works on psychological repression, splitting society into two main groups: the oppressors and the victims. They argued that history and reality were shaped by those groups who controlled traditional institutions. At the time, that was code for males of European descent.

From there, they argued that the social roles of men and women were due to gender differences defined by the “oppressors.” In other words, gender did not exist in reality but was merely a “social construct.”

Adorno and Horkheimer returned to Germany when WWII ended. Herbert Marcuse, another member of the school, stayed in America. In 1955, he published *Eros and Civilization*, which argued that Western culture was inherently repressive because it gave up happiness for social progress.

The book called for “polymorphous perversity,” a concept crafted by Freud. It posed the idea of sexual pleasure outside the traditional norms. *Eros and Civilization* would become very influential in shaping the sexual revolution of the 1960s.

Marcuse would be the one to answer Horkheimer’s question from the 1930s: Who would replace the working class as the new vanguards of the Marxist revolution?

Marcuse believed that it would be a victim coalition of minorities—blacks, women, and homosexuals.

The social movements of the 1960s—black power, feminism, gay rights, sexual liberation—gave Marcuse

a unique vehicle to release cultural Marxist ideas into the mainstream. Railing against all things "establishment," The Frankfurt School's ideals caught on like wildfire across American universities.

Marcuse then published *Repressive Tolerance* in 1965. In it, he argued that tolerance of all values and ideas meant the repression of "correct" ideas.

It was here that Marcuse coined the term "liberating tolerance." It called for tolerance of any ideas coming from the left but intolerance of those from the right. One of the overarching themes of the Frankfurt School was total intolerance for any viewpoint but its own. That is also a basic trait of today's political-correctness. To quote Max Horkheimer, "Logic is not independent of content."

The Frankfurt School's work has had a deep impact on American culture. It has recast the homogenous America of the 1950s into today's divided, animosity-filled nation.

In turn, this has contributed to the undeniable breakdown of the family unit, as well as identity politics, radical feminism, and racial polarization in America.

The political establishment has fully embraced the ideas of the Frankfurt School and has pushed them on American society through public miseducation.

Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton, the beacons of progressivism, are both disciples of Saul Alinsky, a devoted cultural Marxist.

And so we now live in a hyper-sensitive society in which social memes and feelings have overtaken biological and objective reality as the main determinants of right and wrong.

Political correctness is a war on logic and reason.

To quote Winston, the protagonist in Orwell's dystopia, 1984, "Freedom is the freedom to say that 2+2=4."

Today, America is not free.

-- www.zerohedge.com Aug. 12, 2016

Guns on campus is progressive academia's straw man

By John Lott

In May, associate history professor Jacob Dorman resigned from the University of Kansas, predicting that Kansas will be "driving off faculty members" when it enacts campus carry on July 1.

Dorman is not alone in his prediction. Many at Texas public

universities expressed similar dismay after the passage of a similar law in 2015. According to UT at Austin, it would "impede the University's ability to recruit and retain students, faculty, and staff."

The professors expressed concern that a permit holder might get angry over a grade and start shooting. But that has never happened.

Twelve states mandate the right to permitted concealed carry on public college campuses and an additional 22 states leave it up to the university. Not once has a permit holder in any of these states committed a crime on one of these campuses with a gun.

In his resignation letter Dorman claims "arming students has done nothing to quell active shooter situations because students do not have the training to effectively combat shooters," but, according to law enforcement and prosecutors, concealed handgun permit holders with the same amount of training have stopped dozens of mass public shootings.

Faculty departures are very rare. At the University of Kansas, only one out of 2,600 faculty members have left. Just two out of 20,322 have left the University of Texas System.

The real surprise is that more professors haven't fled. Nationwide, Democratic faculty members outnumber their Republican colleagues by anywhere from 3-to-1 in economics to 30-to-1 in anthropology.

According to a 2015 Gallup survey, just 31 percent of Democrats (versus 82 percent of Republicans) think that having a handgun makes them safer.

Given how difficult it is to land a tenured position, perhaps it's no wonder that professors choose to stay.

The same concerns about irresponsible permit holders were raised when states passed right-to-carry laws. In fact, permit holders have been extremely law-abiding.

Permits have been revoked for firearms-related violations at rates of thousandths of one percentage point. Civilian permit holders are less likely than police officers to be convicted of a firearms violation.

-- thehill.blogs/pundits May 26, 2017

'We Must Fight Them': Trump Goes After Conservatives of Freedom Caucus

WASHINGTON — President Trump launched a vengeful tirade against conservatives in his own party

Thursday in an attempt to kick-start health care talks....

In an early morning Twitter attack, Mr. Trump singled out members of the House Freedom Caucus, which scuttled his health care overhaul last week. "The Freedom Caucus will hurt the entire Republican agenda if they don't get on the team & fast," he wrote. "We must fight them, & Dems in 2018!"

-- Judicial Watch Verdict June 2017

Computer hack exposes 16,000 Florida concealed weapon permit holders

May 23 (UPI) -- Hackers may have obtained information on more than 16,000 Florida concealed weapon permit holders in a data breach, the state government said.

The Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services said in a statement Monday that permit holders who renewed online may have had their names accessed. For most permit holders, only public information was exposed, but another 469 on the list were notified that their Social Security numbers may have been revealed.

The agency said the breach appears to have initiated outside the United States and that the agency will offer one year of free credit protection to those whose Social Security numbers were obtained.

It added that no financial information was obtained.

Agriculture Commissioner Adam Putnam ordered a review of the department's cybersecurity measures, and state law enforcement agencies are investigating the breach. He added that those affected amount to less than 1 percent of the total of the state's concealed weapon permit holders.

A 2006 state law orders the confidentiality of the names of concealed weapon permit holders.

Ed.: How about constitutional carry: no firearms permit, no firearms license. Government is incapable of safeguarding information; and even if it could it is readily available in-house to would be tyrants.

Islamic State: 'Lone Wolf' Terrorists Should Use eBay, Craigslist to Lure Victims

By John Hayward

The Islamic State magazine Rumiyah has published a set of tutorials for aspiring "lone wolf" jihadis, including advice to use websites such as eBay and Craigslist to lure victims for kidnapping and murder.

Shopping malls, movie theaters, nightclubs, restaurants, college campuses, and similar venues are recommended as good locations for a hostage drama. The ideal scene for an attack is described as a location with few exits and minimal police or private security.

"Having gained control over the victims, one should then proceed to slaughter as many of them as he possibly can before the initial police response, as was outstandingly demonstrated by the mujahidin who carried out the Bataclan theater massacre during the course of the blessed Paris raid," Rumiyah's terror tipsters suggest.

The magazine proposes keeping some hostages alive as a means of gaining "wide publicity" to "more effectively plant terror into the hearts of the disbelievers."

A recommended technique for luring kidnap and murder victims is to advertise items for sale – "something that requires the victim to enter one's property" – and stipulate only cash payments will be accepted. The importance of placing realistic advertisements with believable prices for appealing goods is stressed, because law enforcement may be on the prowl for criminals advertising stolen goods at steeply discounted prices.

The trigger-happy jihadist can always try robbing a gun store; attacking by surprise and running them over with a vehicle is advised.

-- www.breitbart.com May 8, 2017

Manchester attack: nations around the world must stop appeasing the Islamists

By Todd Starnes

The photos and the video and the sounds have become all too familiar. A flash of light – a massive explosion – horrified screams of the dying and wounded.

This time in Manchester, England – at a concert filled with young teenagers and their parents.

What was supposed to be a night of music and dancing and childhood frivolity – ended in carnage.

"Horrible, horrific injuries. Terrible," President Trump said. "Dozens of innocent people, beautiful young children savagely murdered in this heinous attack upon humanity."

An untold number of children and their parents were massacred by Islamic radicals - killed in the name of the religion of peace.

In response – there have been candlelight vigils and calls for peace and understanding – but the Muslim jihadists do not want peace. They want death.

The Islamic radicals will not stop until they have killed every last one of us -- Christians, Jews, gay, straight.

'The time has come to eliminate this evil from the face of the planet. The time has come for nations around the world to stop appeasing the Islamists.

"We must drive out the terrorists and extremists from our midst, obliterate this evil ideology, and protect and defend our citizens and people of the world," the president said. "All civilized nations must be united in this effort."

And we must do our part in the United States. We must secure our borders, we must investigate those who come here from the birthplace of this radical ideology and we must do whatever is necessary to prevent American blood from being shed on American soil.

Yet, there are still apologists for the radical Islamists - from Hollywood to the halls of Congress. They seem to think we can win over the hearts and minds of the jihadists with bouquets of flowers and gentle hugs.

That sort of philosophy is not only foolish but it's downright dangerous.

How many more times do we have to listen to breathless news anchors lecturing us about not rushing to judgment?

The Presbyterians and the Lutherans are not the ones strapping on backpacks filled with nails and blowing themselves up. The Methodists and Baptists aren't beheading people. The Catholics are not flying jetliners into buildings.

So spare us the politically correct garbage.

How many more children must die at the hands of radical Muslims - slain in the name of the religion of peace?

How many more citizens of the world must be sacrificed to satisfy the bloodlust of these brutal savages?

How many more times, America? How many more times?

Todd Starnes is host of Fox News & Commentary. His latest book is "The Deplorables' Guide to Making America Great Again."

-- www.foxnews.com May 23, 2017

Attention Retailers: Brady Campaign May Approach You

It has been brought to our attention that individuals working directly for the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence may be seeking to visit FFLs to engage with owners or employees in order to better understand the "Gun Culture." NSSF strongly advises that if you or your employees are approached in person, by phone, over email or via social media that you decline to participate in any fact-finding visit or discussion.

The Brady Campaign on its website states: "Brady is leading the fight to change the gun industry and force it to reform by holding gun companies accountable to victims in the courts, and staging protests to challenge 'bad apple' gun dealers at their doorsteps."

Make no mistake, no matter how friendly the approach, the Brady Campaign does not have your best interests in mind. To the contrary, the campaign has a long history of misstating facts, misleading the public, lobbying policy makers to enact punishing legislation and filing baseless lawsuits against members of our industry. You will not be able to affect the Brady Campaign's course of action or reach any real mutual agreement. Anything you say could be used against your business and the industry as a whole.

Again, if you are contacted by the Brady Campaign, please decline participation. Do so firmly, but politely. Do not get into an argument or attempt to dispute any "facts" they may present. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

-- theoutdoorwire.com May 22, 2017

Just because you have a gun doesn't mean the bad guy will obey you

(NORFOLK) The 24-year-old tugboat deckhand who was shot dead in Ocean View on Tuesday was pointing a gun at his killer and trying to stop a robbery, his brother said.

Pedro "Pete" Cain had been hanging out with some neighbors when a woman came up and asked to use someone's phone, 20-year-old Jonathan Cain said Friday.

Pete Cain, suspicious the woman might be casing the place, ran back to his apartment and got his handgun.

After coming back, a man wearing a bandana pointed a gun at them, Jonathan Cain said.

So Pete Cain took aim at the would-be robber and ordered him to put his gun on the ground. The man seemed to comply, slowly lowering it.

But then he jerked up and fired, hitting Pete Cain in the stomach.

Four adults and one juvenile have been charged in relation to the killing.

-- The Virginian-Pilot May 26, 2017

Fake News Spews Stories of Russian Conspiracies While Ignoring Bilderberg in Virginia

By David Knight

CHANTILLY, Va.— The May 24 North American premiere of "Bilderberg, the Movie," stressed that The Bilderberg Group above all is in pursuit of "One World Ltd." - functioning as an off-the-grid world planning forum for private governance benefitting the banking and general corporate classes. A core tactic is to parallel but eventually supersede the nation state itself.

Bilderberg's gatherings consist of mainly North American and European corporate moguls (including select big media), government ministers, treasury officials, parliament members, high-technology leaders, certain royalty (Netherlands Queen Beatrix) and central bankers who since 1954 annually skulk into the world's top hotels, in order to pursue One World Ltd. and related financial and political dealings.

President Trump's National Security Advisor, H.R. McMaster, is listed as an attendee for this year's meeting June 1-4 in Chantilly, Va., at Westfields Marriot - as are Sens. Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.) and Tom Cotton (R-Ark.) along with 128 other participants from 21 countries.

McMaster, Graham and Cotton all share a neo-conservative ideology of aggressively patrolling the world, in conjunction with the UK and the EU, to push Western "democracy" and monopoly capitalism.

According to Bilderberg's own anonymous press office "key" topics for "discussion" this year "include": The Trump Administration; The Trans-Atlantic Defence Alliance; The Direction of the EU; Can Globalisation Be Slowed Down?; The War on Information; Why is Populism Growing?; Russia in the International Order; The Near East; Nuclear Proliferation; and China

An important question to ponder is how the recent deaths of longtime Bilderberger David Rockefeller and Trilateral Commission co-founder Zbigniew Brzezinski, who

was the Carter administration's national security advisor, will affect Bilderberg. The Trilateral group, which formed in 1973, put Carter in the White House by its own admission, has been a key "spoke" in the Bilderberg central "hub." Will the younger Bilderbergers, especially Google founder Eric Schmidt and other attendees representing high technology in the "deep state" areas of surveillance, artificial intelligence and even trans-humanism, take Bilderberg in a sharply new direction?

Notably, from June 7 to 9, the Chicago Council on Global Affairs, a Council on Foreign Relations sibling, is still plying away at forming global cities that are bent on creating a worldwide grid of their own, even if it means defying the policies of the nation states they inhabit—an arguably subversive form of governance re-orientation discussed at the Denmark Bilderberg meeting in 2014.

-- InfoWars & The Truth Hound June 5, 2017

Katie Couric defamation lawsuit dismissed

Katie Couric can breathe a little easier.

On Wednesday a judge dismissed a \$12 million lawsuit filed against her by a Virginia gun club that said she defamed them in a film she narrated.

The Virginia Citizens Defense League had filed the suit against Couric, the documentary "Under the Gun," director Stephanie Soechtig, Epix, and others who worked on the film.

The eight-second scene in question shows Couric interviewing members of the VCDL and asking: "If there are no background checks for gun purchasers, how do you prevent felons or terrorists from purchasing a gun?"

The film shows members of the group rendered silent by Couric's question. However, in the unedited version, one person responds that if you're not in jail, you should have the right to buy guns.

Couric and Atlas Films motion to dismiss stated: "No reasonable viewer could interpret the film that way, because just before the exchange in question, the film explicitly depicted them explaining why they oppose background checks."

Couric had said earlier, however, that she regretted the clip edit.

"I take responsibility for a decision that misrepresented an exchange I had with members of the Virginia Citizens Defense League (VCDL)," Couric wrote last year. "My question to the VCDL regarding the ability of convicted felons and those on the terror watch list to legally obtain a gun, was followed by an extended pause, making the participants appear to be speechless.... I regret that those eight seconds were misleading and that I did not raise my initial concerns more vigorously." -- foxnews.com June 1, 2017

Virginia Citizens Defense League to appeal the Katie Couric lawsuit ruling

The VCDL Board of Directors, after careful consideration, has decided that the recent ruling dismissing the VCDL case against Katie Couric, et al, CANNOT STAND!

If the media can be allowed to change a person's words to suit the media's own needs or beliefs, then a grievous blow will have been struck against the very core of the freedom that the United States stands for!

Today, I have directed VCDL's attorneys to move forward with the appeal to the U.S. 4th Circuit Court of Appeals, where it will be heard by a three-judge panel "de novo" (which means the merits of the case will be heard anew with no consideration of the judge's ruling that recently dismissed the case).

If you wish to contribute to help covering VCDL's legal fees, click here: <http://vcdl.org/Donate>

-- Email from president@vcdl.org June 6, 2017

Sessions Ends Revenue Stream for Obama's Lefties

Attorney General Jeff Sessions is pulling the plug on a Justice Department policy instituted during the Obama years that effectively forced corporations to settle lawsuits by, in part, funding Obama's favorite leftist political organizations.

Former Justice Department official Hans von Spakovsky, co-author of "Obama's Enforcer: Eric Holder's Justice Department," calls the former policy nothing more than stealing from the American people.

"My understanding is in the last 30 months before the new administration came in, the Justice Department had funneled about a billion dollars to outside third party groups. Environmental groups, civil-rights groups, ACORN-type groups,

that's who was getting this money," said von Spakovsky.

He then explained how the process worked.

"When the Justice Department sued defendants such as Volkswagen or the Bank of America, they entered into settlement agreements in which the defendants agreed to pay a large sum of money to end the litigation....

"The Obama Justice Department would come in and say, 'We want you to give a portion of this money to such-and-such organization.' These were not organizations that had anything to do with the lawsuit. They weren't parties to the lawsuit. They didn't have members who were injured by whatever the misbehavior was of the company....

"There is a federal law called the Miscellaneous Receipts Act, which requires DOJ to deposit settlement checks into the U.S. Treasury. That was not happening, so I think it was illegal," said von Spakovsky.

-- www wnd com June 10, 2107

Under Trump, US Militias Not Ready to Lay Down Arms

By Lisa Marie Pane

JACKSON, Ga. (AP) -- In the woods south of Atlanta, John and Yvette DeMaria are with about a dozen camouflage-wearing, heavily armed Americans huffing and puffing as they scramble to navigate the sprawling piece of property where they train, one weekend a month, to ward off enemies - foreign or domestic.

The DeMariases are with the Georgia Security Force militia, whose members believe it would be a mistake to lay down their arms just because Donald Trump is in the White House. So they continue to be ready for whatever may come, whether it's an economic crisis or Islamic extremists carrying out attacks.

Experts say that militia activity tends to fall off under Republican presidents and ramp up under Democrats. But those who watch militias say life in the Trump era may not follow the same patterns.

If anything, it could be a potential powder keg, if those feelings of having a kindred spirit in Trump erupt into a sense of betrayal if he fails to deliver on his promises.

"What would concern me is that nobody gets more angry than a fan spurned," said James Corcoran, a professor at Simmons College in Boston who has watched militias closely for decades and has written extensively about the movement.

The leader of the Georgia Security Force, Chris Hill, worries Congress will undermine Trump's agenda: preventing him from building a wall on the Mexico border, repealing "Obamacare" and fulfilling his promise to "Make American Great Again."

Modern-day militias began to surge in the 1990s during the Clinton administration, then ebbed during the Bush years. Following a dramatic spike after the 2008 election of President Barack Obama, there are now an estimated 165 militias in the U.S., according to Ryan Lenz, a senior investigative reporter with the Southern Poverty Law Center.

For Hill and his group, the 2008 election was their defining moment. They believed Obama wanted to restrict gun rights and forever alter their way of life.

Yvette DeMaria said political correctness has run amok, with politicians and the courts carving out constitutional protections that strayed far from the intent of the nation's forefathers. She laments, for example, the legalization of same-sex marriage and the transgender bathroom issue, believing they amount to a war on her Christian faith.

She and her husband found their mission and some like-minded people in the militia, which is part of the Three Percenters movement. It derives its name from the belief that just 3 percent of the colonists rose up to fight the British. They have vowed to resist any government that infringes on the U.S. Constitution.

While focused on training, the militia is also social.

In the woods the first two training runs are "dry fire" exercises; the guns aren't loaded. The last exercise of the day involves live rounds in their weapons - from AR-15s to handguns. After the targets are riddled with holes, the militia members gather around a fire at a campsite a short walk away to enjoy music and a barbecue.

-- June 12, 2017

Army Secretary Nominee: Citizens Should Have Same Arms As Military

By Bob Owens

West Point graduate, Iraq War veteran and Tennessee state senator Mark Green, President Trump's nominee for Army secretary, strongly believes that citizens should be able to possess whatever weapons the military has.

"The Second Amendment, while it allows citizens to protect

themselves from other citizens, goes well beyond just allowing us to defend ourselves from a criminal," Green said at a pro-gun rally in 2013.

"The men who penned and ratified this document gave us the right to keep and bear arms as an ultimate checks and balances against the federal government," he added. "When considering magazine size and weapon type, comments like, 'You don't need a 10-round magazine to hunt deer' completely misses the point of the Second Amendment."

Amanda Terkel, the politics editor of the Huffington Post, mockingly noted that Green said citizens should be able to own pretty much whatever they want, including aircraft carriers. She thought that the idea of Americans owning warships was absurd.

Guess what, Ms. Terkel?

In the War of 1812 the U.S. Navy fielded just 23 ships and 556 guns. But 517 American privateers, civilian ships with more than 2,800 privately-owned cannon, did most of the fighting on the high seas and captured roughly British 1,300 ships.

Clearly, Mr. Green has distinct advantage over Ms. Terkel, in that he was educated in an academy that demands intellectual rigor, instead of her alma mater Colgate University that just went on a full lock-down because the mental midgets of their student body freaked out over a glue gun.

Ms. Terkel's supposition that citizens would own nuclear weapons is absurd purely from a cost perspective (most nations cannot afford them). In fact American citizens can and do own military fighter and bomber aircraft, armored personnel carriers, modern artillery and anti-tank weapons, tanks, and yes, even ballistic missiles. @Prairiewai Paul Allen of Microsoft owns the Scud A missile and launcher. pic.twitter.com/1vBXurrOrf — Bob Owens (@bob_owens) June 17, 2016

Of course American citizens should be able to own as many assault rifles and machine guns as they desire, as long as they use them responsibly. It's precisely what the Founding Fathers intended when they wanted a militia of the people to be more numerous and better armed than governments they knew would always be corrupted, and in time, threaten liberty.

-- www bearingarms com May 2, 2017

Washington's Ministry of Preemption

By James Bamford

In the Maryland suburbs of Washington DC a small group of Ph.D.s and research scientists are staffing the spy world's premier research center, the secretive Intelligence Advanced Research Projects Activity (IARPA), which reports directly to the Office of the Director of National Intelligence.

For decades, from the first World Trade Center bombing to the recent Syrian poison gas attack, U.S. intelligence agencies have consistently been caught off guard, despite hundreds of billions of dollars spent on spies, eavesdroppers, and satellites. IARPA's answer is "anticipatory intelligence," predicting the crime or event before it happens.

Like a scene from *Minority Report*, the 2002 film where criminals are caught and punished by a "precrime" police force before they can commit their deeds, IARPA hopes to find terrorists, hackers, and even protesters before they act. The group is devising robotic machines that can find virtually everything about everyone and issue automatic "precrime" alerts.

The agency's Open Source Indicators (OSI) program uses computers, armed with artificial intelligence, specialized algorithms, and machine learning, capable of cataloging the lives of everyone everywhere, 24/7. Tapping real-time into thousands of data streams — every Facebook post, tweet, YouTube video; every tollbooth tag number; every GPS download, web search, news feed; every street camera video; every restaurant reservation on Open Table.

If all this sounds familiar, it is. In 2002, the Defense Department created Total Information Awareness (TIA). Similar to OSI, TIA's goal was to create a "virtual, centralized grand database" made up of unclassified, publicly available information. Congress killed it, but the Pentagon secretly shifted some resources to the

National Security Agency's research center, the Advanced Research and Development Activity (ARDA). Then, in 2007, ARDA morphed into IARPA.

To process such mammoth amounts of information, IARPA is racing to develop the world's fastest computer — 1 quintillion (a million trillion) operations per second — program manager Marc Manheimer told the Next Platform, a news site that covers high-end computing.

IARPA claims that the open-source data it collects is anonymized to protect privacy — but it makes no mention of the NSA intercepts. Nevertheless, the hardware, software, and algorithms are already in place, and that administrative decision can be changed at any time by the Trump administration, which has shown little regard for privacy issues.

In *Minority Report*, the precrime program was shut down after the system was proved to be subject to manipulation. That plot provides a lesson for IARPA. In December 2016, Sean Kinion, a scientist working on a program for IARPA, was sentenced to 18 months in prison after pleading guilty to faking data.

-- Foreign Policy June 5, 2017

NSA Reneges on Promise to Tell Congress How Many Innocent Americans It Spies On

Congress will consider reauthorizing Section 702 of the FISA Amendments Act by the end of the year.

Intelligence officials had promised to provide lawmakers with an estimate of the number of communications that are collected under Section 702, the warrantless Internet surveillance of millions of innocent Americans.

But during a hearing in front of the Senate Intelligence Committee yesterday, Director of National Intelligence Dan Coats said he won't be providing that estimate out of national security and, ironically, privacy concerns.

He told lawmakers it is "infeasible to generate an exact, accurate, meaningful, and responsive methodology that can count how often a U.S. person's communications may be incidentally collected under Section 702." To do so would require diverting NSA analysts' attention away from their current work to "conduct additional significant research" to determine whether the communications collected under Section 702 are American. "I would be asking trained NSA analysts to conduct intense identity verification research on potential U.S. persons who are not targets of an investigation," he said. "From a privacy and civil liberties perspective, I find this unpalatable."

If the Intelligence Community is truly worried about the privacy and civil liberties of ordinary Americans, officials will take the looming Section 702 sunset as an opportunity to give lawmakers the information they need to have an informed and meaningful debate about how government spying programs impact Americans' privacy.

Privacy advocate Sen. Ron Wyden said, "We're going to battle it out in the course of this, because there are a lot of Americans that share our view that security and liberty are not mutually exclusive."

-- www.technology.news June 13, 2017

1.4 million illegals working under stolen Social Security numbers: Audit

Most illegal immigrants who pay taxes have stolen someone else's legal identity, and the Internal Revenue Service doesn't do a very good job of letting American citizens and legal immigrants know they're being impersonated, the IRS' inspector general said Thursday.

An Individual Taxpayer Identification Number is generally given out to immigrants who aren't authorized to work. But the IRS is not allowed to talk with Homeland Security to help agents identify who and where those taxpayers are.

-- Washington Times June 22, 2017

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